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**COUNCILMEMBER DJOU:  
ANSWERS NEEDED FROM BOARD OF WATER SUPPLY**

Today, Councilmember Charles K. Djou (Waikiki, East Honolulu) introduced a resolution asking the Honolulu Board of Water Supply to transmit a public report to the Honolulu City Council on their re-engineering program.

“The Honolulu Board of Water Supply recently voted to increase water rates by 57% while they issued salary bonuses of over \$500,000 to senior staff. I am asking for the Board of Water Supply to give a report to the Honolulu City Council on what they are doing with their ‘re-engineering’ program. I strongly support applying modern management practices to government, but it is also important for the public to understand what the Board of Water Supply is doing,” stated Councilmember Djou. “I am also anxiously awaiting an independent report from the City Auditor Les Tanaka on the Board of Water Supply’s actions.”

In 2003, the State Legislature gave the Board of Water Supply, already a semi-autonomous City agency, even greater latitude to conduct its operations. For much of the public, the only significant actions taken by the Board of Water Supply under this new management scheme appear to be major salary bonuses for executives and a major water rate increase for residents.

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